## REQUEST Application Number 09/225,486 **FOR** Confirmation Number 2417 ECONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Filing Date January 06, 1999 **TRANSMITTAL** First Named Inventor Mitsuhiro UCHIDA MAIL STOP RCE 2612 Group Art Unit Commissioner for Patents P.O.: Box 1450 Examiner Name James M. Hannett Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Matter Number Q52871 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 **IMAGE OUTPUTTING APPARATUS** This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. \( \overline{\Omega} \) Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 12, 2003 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 iii. 🗆 RECEIVED b. **☑** Enclosed i. 🗆 Amendment/Reply JAN 1 5 2004 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. 🗆 Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) Technology Center 2600 iv. 🗹 Petition for Extension of Time v. D Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ Months Other b. 🗆 3. FEES A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 01/14/2004 AWONDAF1 00000013 09225486 23373 770.00 OP 01 fC:1801

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